

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

MAJID ALFARAG,

Plaintiff,

v.

LOUIS DEJOY,

Defendant.

CASE NO. 2:22-cv-1745

ORDER ON MOTION FOR  
RECONSIDERATION

This matter is before the Court on Plaintiff's Motion for Reconsideration of the Court's Order Requesting Counsel. (Dkt. No. 11.) The Court has reviewed the Motion and all relevant material and DENIES Plaintiff's Motion.

**BACKGROUND**

Plaintiff brought an Employment Discrimination claim for acts allegedly perpetrated against him by managers while he was employed at the United States Postal Service. Plaintiff was granted leave to proceed in forma pauperis and previously brought a motion for Court

1 appointed counsel, which the Court denied. (See Dkt. No. 10.) Plaintiff now asks the Court to  
 2 reconsider that decision.

### 3 ANALYSIS

4 Motions for reconsideration are disfavored. The court will ordinarily  
 5 deny such motions in the absence of a showing of manifest error in the prior  
 6 ruling or a showing of new facts or legal authority which could not have been  
 brought to its attention earlier with reasonable diligence.

Local Rule 7(h)(1).

7 It is well established that “[t]he decision to appoint counsel in a civil suit is one of  
 8 discretion and a district court’s determination will be overturned only for abuse of that  
 9 discretion.” *Cano v. Taylor*, 739 F.3d 1214, 1218 (9th Cir. 2014) (internal citation omitted). The  
 10 court must consider whether there is a “likelihood of success on the merits” and whether “the  
 11 [plaintiff] is unable to articulate his claims in light of the complexity of the legal issues  
 12 involved.” *Id.*

13 Plaintiff argues that he sought legal counsel prior to filing his claim but was unable to  
 14 retain an attorney. (Mot. for Reconsideration at 3.) He further contends that due to financial  
 15 hardships he is unable to hire an attorney to take his case. (*Id.*) While the Court sympathizes with  
 16 Plaintiff, an inability to secure an attorney prior to filing a claim does not entitle plaintiffs to  
 17 court appointed counsel. The Court DENIES Plaintiff’s Motion.

18 The Court understands that navigating federal court can be difficult to do by oneself and  
 19 directs Plaintiff to utilize the resources available at the Western District of Washington’s

20 “Representing Yourself (‘Pro Se’)” web page located here:

21 <https://www.wawd.uscourts.gov/representing-yourself-pro-se>.

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1 The clerk is ordered to provide copies of this order to all counsel.

2 Dated March 8, 2023.

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